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Title : Reported recommendations of Rangarajan Committee on hike in prices of petroleum products.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very serious national issue. It is regarding the increase in the prices of petroleum products. The Rangarajan Committee was appointed to look into the price rise. It had recommended that the price of LPG should be increased by Rs. 75 per cylinder. It had also recommended that the price of petrol and diesel should be increased by Rs. 1.29 and Rs. 1.98 respectively. This is a very serious issue because in the past one or two years we have been suffering from increase in the prices of petroleum products several times. The prices may be increased again.

I would like to draw the attention of the Minister and the Government to take immediate action and bring a statement denouncing this Report. The price rise has affected the farmers and the poor labourers in a very great way. * ...

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, that will not be recorded. Do not misuse the opportunity.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : ... * That is what I was trying to submit. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Do not misuse the opportunity. That is an important matter. But we have to follow some rules.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, I urge upon the Minister, through you, to bring forth a statement before the hon. House so that this issue can be dealt with. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I delete the last portion.